

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
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NEW GUIDANCE FOR DOCUMENTING INVESTIGATIONS OF UTILITY CORRIDORS

This new guidance discusses various investigation methods to examine potential contaminant migration in utility corridors. It also outlines when utility corridors should be investigated and how to document such investigations in submittals to DNR. Utility corridors are underground pipes or cables and the trenches they are installed in. The guidance is available at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR649.pdf>

BROWNFIELDS FUNDING NOTICE

Did you know that the City of Wheeling, West Virginia was awarded a \$1 million Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grant and \$2.25 million in loan guarantees to redevelop brownfields in their warehouse district into Celeron Plaza? Celeron Plaza will be a mixed-use business campus offering office space, restaurants and specialty retail shops. The city will use the Section 108 loan guarantee funds to acquire properties, and the BEDI funds for demolition and clearance of properties and remediation of contamination. It's True and You Can Too! The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced funding for brownfield cleanup and redevelopment projects. On February 24, 2000 HUD issued a Super Notice of Fund Availability (SuperNOFA) in the Federal Register announcing a number of grant programs, including BEDI grants. BEDI will provide \$25 million in funding to local governments to be used in conjunction with Section 108 loans for brownfield redevelopment. Eligible activities include: site acquisition; demolition; remediation; infrastructure construction or reconstruction; assistance to for-profit businesses for economic development; and construction or reconstruction of public facilities. BEDI eligibility extends to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement and non-entitlement local governments. BEDI applications must be accompanied with requests for new Section 108 loan guarantee assistance, and BEDI and Section 108 must be used in conjunction on the same project. The deadline for BEDI applications is June 13, 2000. HUD also announced up to \$24.1 million in funding for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI), which may be used for brownfield redevelopment. EDI applications are due May 24, 2000. For more information and an application kit, contact the SuperNOFA Information Center at (800) HUD-8929. The BEDI proposal guidelines can be viewed on-line at <http://www.hud.gov/fundsavl.html>

To find out more about this and other brownfields redevelopment financial incentives, contact Michael Prager at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, (608) 261-4927, or pragem@dnr.state.wi.us

TWO COPIES OF SITE INVESTIGATION REPORTS

NR 716.15(2)(b) requires submittal of two copies of site investigation reports, unless otherwise directed. DNR has often informed consultants that one copy is adequate. However, for PECFA sites that where the remedy will be bid, two copies must be submitted. This is so that one copy is available to send for duplication for consultants who plan to bid.

BROWNFIELDS SHOWCASE COMMUNITIES

US EPA is soliciting statements of interest from communities who want to be designated as Brownfields Showcase Communities. Statements of interest must be submitted to EPA by April 17, 2000. A partnership of federal agencies will offer special technical, financial and other assistance to the communities selected. The following benefits can accrue from designation as a Brownfields Showcase Community:

- National visibility for a community's brownfields efforts;
- Coordinated delivery of technical and financial assistance from participating federal agencies;
- Support from a federal employee assigned to each showcase community to assist with coordination and implementation activities.

For more information on the Brownfields Showcase Communities program please see the March 16, 2000 Federal Register Notice at

<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/html-doc/sc031500.htm>

and look at the EPA's brownfields website:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

ENVIROMAPPER

EPA has created EnviroMapper, a dynamic way to view and query environmental information from the federal government. EnviroMapper maps information about drinking water, toxic and air releases, hazardous waste, water discharge permits, and Superfund sites, and links to text reports. It can also be used to view environmental statistics, profiles, and trends; environmental information for US metropolitan areas participating in the Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking (EMPACT) project; environmental information for watersheds; and Superfund National Priorities

List (NPL) sites. EnviroMapper is at

<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/em/index.html>

REMINDER: STATE BROWNFIELDS WORKSHOPS

Wisconsin state agencies will conduct brownfield redevelopment workshops across the state. "Wisconsin Brownfields - Future Solutions Now" will be a one-day workshop held in five locations, and open to anyone interested in brownfields cleanup and redevelopment, including local government officials, lenders, developers and consultants. The workshops will focus on existing brownfields programs, highlight new provisions from the 1999-2001 state budget, and take a look at real examples of successful projects. The workshops will be held in May in the following cities:

Milwaukee - Wednesday, May 10

Appleton - Thursday, May 11

Rhineland - Tuesday, May 16

Eau Claire - Thursday, May 18

Madison - Wednesday, May 24

We will provide more information as it becomes available, or contact Andrew Savagian at 608-261-6422.

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